

organizations over the years have also exacted their toll from our nation and our people. Go back to that statistic I quoted earlier. Sixty percent of all people arrested in New York City by the DEA and the DEA Task Force were identified as being foreign born. Over the years, how many people may have lost their lives or suffered terribly at the hands of narcotics traffickers? What of the impact of other criminal aliens? We have seen the rise of ethnic organized crime throughout our nation. How many more people have fallen victim to these criminals? The most effective way of dealing with these criminals is to beef up the interior enforcement program of the INS. Any law enforcement agency has two primary goals. Goal one is the detection of crime and the successful investigation, apprehension and prosecution of the criminal who commits the crime. The second goal is to be a credible deterrent to those who would violate the laws which fall under the jurisdiction of that law enforcement agency. This goal is directly dependent on how effectively the agency carries out its first goal. Without an effective interior enforcement program, criminal aliens are emboldened to attempt to enter our nation to commit their crimes. They are not deterred by a program that lacks manpower and leadership. We need to change the reality and consequently, the perception. Not only to prevent future terrorist attacks, but to also deter criminal activities of a wide spectrum of criminals who still find America to be a "Land of Opportunity".

Please understand, I am not opposed to the lawful entry of aliens who come to the United States to share the "American Dream", I only take issue with those who come here in violation of law and who end up creating America's nightmares. Indeed, my own mother was welcomed by this country shortly before the Second World War, enabling her to survive, while her mother, for whom I am named, perished in the Holocaust. We simply need to know who we are admitting and having an agency that possesses the resources to not only track aliens who end up violating their Immigration status, but also has the resources to track them down and ultimately, when appropriate, remove them from the United States. This capability is a matter of nothing less than national security.

ESSAY BY PHILIP ALDRIDGE

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2001

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of September 11th, our view of America has shifted. It is as if someone cleaned the window of our perspective, removing the dirt of cynicism and distrust and allowing us to see anew the opportunities that being Americans offers us. Suddenly, we have joined together, united in our resolve to both fight for freedom and to appreciate the freedoms we have. Rather than bickering over petty differences, we find ourselves more willing to reach out to each other, more aware of the basic truths on which our country was founded, and more thankful to those who fought and died to ensure that we can enjoy freedom.

Our renewed sense of patriotism and gratefulness is expressed through the eyes of our young people. Philip Aldridge, an eighth grader from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, reminds us about how blessed we are to call ourselves

Americans. His essay, "America's Heroes", was written in honor of Veteran's Day on November 11th. I would like to thank Philip for sharing his thoughts with me. His words inspire us to show appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy but often take for granted.

AMERICA'S HEROES

(By Philip Aldridge)

Have you ever stopped and thought about how nice it is to live in America? More often than not, our society takes the hard-earned freedoms that have been bestowed upon us for granted. These rights and freedoms upon which our country was built have been challenged many times and yet we still stand strong and united. For this we can recognize all the men and women of America who have fought with great pride and who gave their lives for what they so strongly believed in. These are our veterans.

Our country enjoys many freedoms not recognized by many. But do you realize that these are what make our nation strong? One of these rights is freedom of religion. Our country was inhabited and founded by men and women who unfortunately had religion forced upon them. Religious tolerance, which means the willingness to accept faith different from your own, was put into place during the birth of our country.

Every four years we elect a president. And every four years, people complain about who was elected. If you look at other countries, the people don't even choose who their leader is. In most cases, the leader either comes from a line of royalty or he assembles himself with full power. We the people of America, are very fortunate to have a freedom to vote.

The most well-known freedom in our society is freedom of equality. In the Declaration of Independence, it states that all men are created equal. This means that whether you're of a different race or if you're a male or female, everyone has equal rights.

Any citizen of the United States should be deeply grateful for these freedoms for which soldiers have fought and defended. We can show appreciation for these privileges by serving our country, respecting its laws, and honoring America's heroes and patriots . . . our veterans.

IN HONOR OF RITA J. KAPLAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Rita J. Kaplan, who is the driving force behind the new mammography clinic at Bellevue Hospital in New York City.

Ms. Kaplan is an inspiration to us all. She is a known fighter and victor for important causes. She fights for what she believes in and never loses her sense of compassion for others.

Ms. Kaplan realized the need for a new clinic at Bellevue Hospital when a family member was diagnosed with breast cancer. Ms. Kaplan's four grandparents, who arrived in the early 1890's, had a history of receiving extraordinary and caring treatment at Bellevue, and she wanted to make sure that today's Bellevue patients continue to receive first class care. Recognizing that Bellevue's mammography clinic needed refurbishment and new equipment, Ms. Kaplan devoted her con-

siderable energies and resources to making Bellevue's facility the finest available. In her honor, Bellevue is naming the new center, the Rita J. Kaplan Breast Imaging Center.

As a child, Ms. Kaplan wanted to be a doctor, but while in college at the University of Wisconsin, she turned to a career in social work. She continued on with her education, receiving a master's degree in social work from Columbia University. She was trained as a clinical social worker and received advance training at the Ackerman Institute, in family therapy.

In the early 1980s, she and her husband, Stanley H. Kaplan, donated a fund to found the Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center. They also donated \$2 million to help establish a new home for the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, which was named in their honor.

Ms. Kaplan, a life-long crusader and political activist, is a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services; Chairperson of the Management Committee of Jewish Connections, Divisional Committee of JBFC; Member of the Management Committee at Kaplan House; and a Member of the Board of Sutton Place Synagogue where she sits on the Rabbi's Committee. She also sits on various UJA-Federation committees.

Ms. Kaplan served on boards of the Hemlock Farms Community Association in the Poconos; the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra; the Madeline Borg Community Services Divisional Committee; and the Board of the Solomon Schechter High School of New York.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the work of Rita J. Kaplan, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing her contributions to the New York community and to our country. Thank you.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS IN HONORING THE CREW AND PASSENGERS OF UNITED AIR- LINES FLIGHT 93

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3248 and wish to fully express my gratitude to the crew of United Flight 93, and especially its captain, Jason M. Dahl. It was with immense sadness that I learned that the Dahl family and indeed all of Colorado had been robbed on September 11th of a good man and a good father. Mr. Dahl's family, to paraphrase President Lincoln, must feel enormous pride for having laid such a costly sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

According to a friend, Dahl learned to fly before he learned to drive. A neighbor remembered Dahl's football and baseball games in the street with neighborhood children and his commitment to his family and his community. Having read the statements of those who eulogized him, I cannot help but conclude that the gentleman flying that plane was one of America's best—a great father and husband alike. Since September 11th, America has rediscovered the importance of family, and turned to family members for comfort and understanding. It is no small tragedy that the